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SUBJECT: CONTRIBUTIONS IN LIEU OF RATES

REFS: A. HM TREASURY LETTER, 19 MARCH 1974

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1. FOLLOWING EVALUATION OF TEXT OF HM TREASURY LETTER
OF 19 MARCH 1974, DEPT AND DEFENSE CONSIDER ALL SETTLE-
MENT TERMS SATISFACTORY AND AUTHORIZE EMBASSY TO
ACCEPT HM TREASURY OFFER AS AMENDMENT REVISING 1955
AGREEMENT.

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2. EMBASSY SHOULD UTILIZE FOLLOWING TEXT TO ACCOMPLISH AMENDMENT: PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE AGREEMENT ON US CONTRIBUTIONS IN LIEU OF RATES, SIGNIFIED BY THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS DATED JANUARY 24, 1955, BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR AND THE ECONOMIC SECRETARY TO HM TREASURY, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT AGREE TO AMEND PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE 1955 AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CALCULATION OF US CONTRIBUTIONS IN LIEU OF RATES AS FOLLOWS:

A. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO REIMBURSE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM TREASURY A SUM EQUAL TO 20 PER CENT OF

THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT EX GRATIA TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN RESPECT OF CROWN PROPERTIES SOLELY OCCUPIED OR ADMINISTERED BY UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1966 TO 31 MARCH 1973.

B. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO REIMBURSE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM TREASURY A SUM EQUAL TO 17 1/2 PER CENT OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT EX GRATIA TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN RESPECT OF CROWN PROPERTIES SOLELY OCCUPIED OR ADMINISTERED BY UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1973 TO 31 MARCH 1977, SUCH SUM TO BE OFFSET BY 50 PER CENT OF THE RATES PAID BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON DIRECT LEASE AND RENTAL GUARANTEE PROPERTIES FOR THE SAME PERIOD.

C. A REVIEW OF THESE BENEFICIAL PROPORTIONS PAYABLE BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL BE MADE 1 APRIL 1977 AND EVERY 4 YEARS THEREAFTER. SIGNED. KISSINGER

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